

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN RECOGNITION OF DR.
XIAODONG WANG

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 22, 2006

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Dr. Xiaodong Wang, of the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, for being awarded the \$1 million Shaw Prize in Life Science and Medicine.

Dr. Wang, 43, will receive the international award in September from the Hong Kong-based Shaw Prize Foundation. A professor of biochemistry, Dr. Wang will receive the award for his discovery of the biochemical basis of programmed cell death which is a vital process that balances cell birth and prevents cancer. His scientific breakthrough marks a turning point in the history of medicine and will indeed benefit the lives of millions around the world.

The Shaw Prize in Life Science and Medicine is presented annually and sometimes referred to as the "Nobel Prize of the East," is awarded to those who have achieved significant breakthroughs in scientific research and applications. Dr. Wang has discovered mechanisms responsible for programmed cell death. As a doctor, I am honored to know that great scientific research continues and the heart of such work is being conducted at UT Southwestern.

I extend my sincere congratulations to Dr. Xiaodong Wang for his outstanding leadership. He is an excellent scientist who has greatly benefited his fellow man, and I hope that his research will act as a catalyst for others to strive for excellent and great achievements.

HONORING JACK WEATHERFORD
ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 22, 2006

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Jack Weatherford for his extraordinary service to the Smyrna/Rutherford County Airport Authority. Mr. Weatherford served on the task force that established the airport authority, and after many years of outstanding work, he is now retiring.

Today, I honor Mr. Weatherford for his achievements in Rutherford County's aviation industry, but his success has not been limited to that field. For 40 years, Mr. Weatherford led Mid-South Bank and Trust, which later merged with Sun Trust Banks. He served as President of the Tennessee Bankers Association, and in 1986, he was honored with the establishment of the Jack O. Weatherford Chair of Finance at Middle Tennessee State University.

A resident of my hometown of Murfreesboro, TN, Mr. Weatherford has been

instrumental in Smyrna Airport's success. Under his leadership, the airport added ten new buildings and hangars and developed a 400 acre business park that included new infrastructure, a business center and a new terminal.

Smyrna Airport now is the State's third largest airport and its busiest general aviation airport.

During Mr. Weatherford's 14 years as Chairman of the airport authority, the airport received many accolades, including the Governor's Silver Star Award and the Tennessee Department of Transportation's Best Governing Body and Airport of the Year awards.

While the airport's growth has kept him busy, Mr. Weatherford has found time to remain active in the community. He helped found the Main Street Association and Leadership Rutherford, and he has been active with the Chamber of Commerce, MTSU Foundation and Rotary Club.

Mr. Weatherford's leadership has served Rutherford County well and will make it a better place for years to come.

DECLARING THAT THE UNITED
STATES WILL PREVAIL IN THE
GLOBAL WAR ON TERROR

SPEECH OF

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 15, 2006

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to oppose this resolution because the process under which it is being considered is deeply flawed and unfair to those with legitimate opposing points of view. There are Members in this chamber who want to offer specific plans on Iraq and they have the right to have these proposals debated and voted on.

This entire debate is a sham, Mr. Speaker. This resolution was brought to the floor to help Republicans win in November, not to help our country win the war in Iraq. Make no mistake about it; it is very important for this House to formally acknowledge our support for our troops, especially when they are in harm's way, fighting a difficult and protracted war. But this resolution is not a show of support. It is a political tool with little substance. In fact, the only provision of substance is the third Resolved clause which "declares that it is not in the national security interest of the United States to set an arbitrary date for the withdrawal or redeployment of United States Armed Forces from Iraq." I happen to agree that we should not set a public deadline for withdrawal. I don't think it makes sense strategically and, even worse, I think it puts our commanders on the ground at a disadvantage because it provides the resistance with a clear target of how long they need to hold out. If we withdraw our troops prematurely, we run the risk of the young Iraqi government folding and the vacuum being filled by a government friendly to terrorists.

This debate should have been about alternatives. That is a primary function of Congress. To debate our country's most important issues. I can think of no issue more important than whether we succeed or fail in Iraq. Rather than add to the vast amount of rhetoric being tossed around by both sides, I would like to present what I think needs to be done for us to succeed in Iraq. First, we must dramatically improve our intelligence operations. To be sure, the death of Abu Musab al-Zarqawi is a great accomplishment by our brave military in Iraq. But successes such as this one are too rare because most Iraqi civilians still do not feel secure enough to turn over valuable intelligence to American or Iraqi government officials. We desperately need an intelligence alliance in order to provide troops with the information they need to get the job done in Iraq.

The second thing we must do to succeed in Iraq is step up the training and readiness of the Iraqi Security Forces. Congress continues to fail in its oversight of Iraqi Security Force readiness. Because it is so difficult to get a straight and consistent answer out of the Administration regarding the readiness of Iraqi Security Forces, it is virtually impossible to determine when we will be able to begin bringing American troops home. As of this week, the Administration tells us there are 264,600 "trained and equipped" Iraqi Security Forces. Unfortunately the definition of "trained and equipped" has been elusive or not clear enough to replace American troops with Iraqi or international troops. I believe that for every fully trained Iraqi soldier, one American soldier should come home. Clearly, this isn't happening.

The third thing we must do to succeed in Iraq is to continue our support of the democratically elected Iraqi government. A strong Iraqi government will be able to provide incentives to its people to help quell the violence. This support cannot be merely military support. It must be comprehensive and include the full range of services of a functioning government. Iraq's leaders face a monumental task. Quelling the violence will not be enough to send them on the path to success. Make no mistake about it; their success is closely linked to whether our mission in Iraq will be considered a success.

In closing, I would like to comment on the Whereas clause in this resolution that states that it is "the steadfast resolve of the United States and its partners since September 11, 2001, helped persuade the government of Libya to surrender its weapons of mass destruction." Libya made the right decision to abandon its WMD programs. Our resolve in the Global War on Terror convinced Libya that the cost was too high to continue to pursue WMD. However, before this decision Libya was a primary state sponsor of terror. It now must honor its commitments to the victims of that terror, including the families of the victims of Pan Am 103. In taking responsibility for the bombing of Pan Am 103—an attack which took the lives of 189 Americans—Libya agreed

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